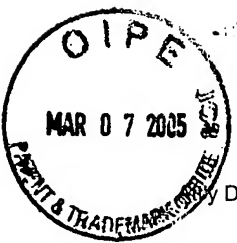


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Filed: March 8, 2004
Applicant: Mark David Schlachter
Group Art Unit: 3751
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Title: **VEHICLE HOOD FUEL FILLER, FUEL FILLER PIPE
AND OVERFLOW TRAY**

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

February 28, 2005

Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action dated February 1, 2005, the Examiner identified the following groups of claims:

- Group I Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a fuel filler pipe;
- Group II Claims 3 and 4, drawn to a fuel filler system; and
- Group III Claims 5-7, drawn to a method for positioning a fuel filler system.

The Office Action requires the election of one of Group I, II or III for examination in this application.

Applicant elects to prosecute the claims in Group II, i.e., Claims 3 and 4. This election is made without traverse.

Finally, it is believed that no fees are due at this time. However, if any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 23-3000. Also, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that he be contacted by telephone

Respectfully submitted,

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